

Longtime Pierce County deputy prosecutor Sorensen named to Superior Court bench

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Phil Sorensen

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Philip Sorensen, a 24-year veteran of the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office, has been named to a vacant seat on the Superior Court bench.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee announced the appointment Friday.

Sorensen will replace Judge Linda Lee, who left her seat earlier this year for a position with the state Court of Appeals.

"Phil has worked his way up from the front lines and has rightfully earned a reputation in Pierce County as a skilled and committed prosecutor," Inslee said in a news release. "I have full confidence he'll be a highly competent and effective addition to the bench in Pierce County."

Sorensen served in a variety of roles during his time in the Prosecutor's Office, most recently as Prosecutor Mark Lindquist's chief criminal deputy.

He is a seasoned trial prosecutor, having handled some of the county's highest profile prosecutions, including that of Tacoma Mall shooter Dominick Maldonado and most recently

that of Tyler Savage, who was convicted of killing developmentally disabled teenager Kimberly Daily.

Sorensen told The News Tribune he is excited about his appointment and said, "I think I'll do a good job."

"I've had the opportunity to work with the talented men and women of the Prosecutor's Office and serve the public for more than 24 years," Sorensen said in a statement released by the Prosecutor's Office. "My role will change, but my commitment to the community will not."

Sorensen will have to stand for election in the fall to retain his seat, which pays about \$150,000 annually.

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